

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**113<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and**  
**the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

Legislative hearing on H.R. 657 (Labrador), the "*Grazing Improvement Act*"

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:  
Brenda Richards
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:  
Public Lands Council (PLC)  
Idaho Cattle Association (ICA)
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## For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Brenda Richards/Public Lands Council

Title/Date of Hearing: Legislative hearing on H.R. 657 (Labrador), the "*Grazing Improvement Act.*" April 16, 2013.

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Degree in business accounting; range management seminars; various training via natural resource seminars

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Member of the Boise District Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council for 6 years; member of the Owyhee Natural Resource Committee; member of the liaison advisory committee for the USDA Reynolds Creek Watershed; member of the BLM Resource Advisory Council Resource Management Planning subcommittee, and the Sage Grouse subcommittee; served as Board member of the Idaho Cattle Association, Chairman of the Idaho Cattle Association Federal Lands Committee and the Idaho Public Land Users; served as Idaho representative on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Federal Lands Committee and the National Public Lands Council; past member of the Nevada Cattle Association board of directors.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Actively involved in a family owned and operated cow-calf ranching business. Business runs on a combination of private and federal lands. Actively involved in public lands issues for the over 15 years, many of the meetings, seminars, hearings, etc. attended on a volunteer basis to help assure the viability of our business and the success for it to pass on to our children who will be 5<sup>th</sup> generation ranchers.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

## Witnesses Representing Organizations

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

Vice President and Board Member Public Lands Council  
Idaho Cattle Association Federal Lands Committee Chairman  
Idaho Public Land Users Chairman  
Representative on the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Federal Lands Committee  
Member of the Idaho Cattle Association Board of Directors

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

None

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

ICA – None

PLC –

USFS Planning Rule:

*Federal Forest Resource Coalition et al v. Vilsack*

(DC District Court)

Federal Statutes at Issue: OAA, NFMA, MUSYA, APA

USFS Payette Plan:

*Idaho Wool Growers Association et al v. Vilsack et al*

(Idaho District Court)

Federal Statutes at Issue: NEPA, FACA, APA

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

Committee has PLC/ICA 990s